

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (Nov. 1, to Nov. 30, 2013)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
1,992	1,891	-5%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
12,642	11,778	-7%

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of November 2013 were:

- Trucks: 28 cases – a slight increase compare to 25 cases the month October
- Hondas: 32 cases (mid 90’s), a significant decrease compare to 60 cases the month of October
- Motorcycles: 9 cases – an slight decrease compare to 13 cases the month of October
- In 41% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)

APD reminds you to take extra precaution during the holiday season and make sure your gifts don’t end up in the wrong hands. Within seconds a thief will take your items, your identity and sometimes your car. Don’t give a thief an opportunity to commit these crimes.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys even if your only gone a few seconds – remember it only takes a few seconds to steal a vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your car. Extra keys can easily be found by thieves.
- Take your valuables with you. Don’t give thieves the opportunity to steal your valuables.
- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc. APD offers FREE VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching.

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